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1. SUPPORT FOR LATF VENEZUELA PRODUCTIVE IN VIEW OF THE NUMBER OF REQUESTS GENERATED AND SALARIES OFFERED BY VENEZUELAN INSTITUTIONS. LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE DR. RICCHARD GOETZ HAS OBTAINED FIRM SALARY COMMITMENTS FROM FIFTEEN INSTITUTIONS OF MONTHLY PAYMENTS VARYING BETWEEN 4,000 TO 4,500 OLIVARS (APPROX. \$935-\$1,050). IN THE CASE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CARABOBO A FURNISHED APARTMENT IS ALSO INCLUDED. APPOINTMENTS COVER TWELVE MONTH PERIOD JANUARY JANUARY.

2. CURRENT STATUS FOLLOWS:

A) THERE ARE SIX FELLOWS ACTUALLY IN PLACE; ALL TEACHING IN SPANISH: ONE AT METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY, BEING PAID 4,200 BOLIVARS (\$980) BY THE UNIVERSITY; (LATF HAS RECEIVED LETTER COMMENDING EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE) TWO AT UNIVERSIDAD DE ORIENTE, RECEIVING 4,000 BOLIVARS (\$935) EACH PER MONTH, PAID BY THE UNIVERSITY ONE HAS BEEN ASKED TO STAY ONCE HIS LATF CONTRACT IS OVER IN JANUARY; ONE AT UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA ANDRES BELLO, WHOSE SALARY IS PAID PARTLY BY LATF AND PARTLY BY FORD MOTOR CO.,

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WHERE HE IS INTERNING;

TWO LAWYERS ARE CURRENTLY WORKING AS INTERNS IN PRESTIGIOUS LAW FIRM AND ARE PAID BY THE FIRM, NO UNIVERSITY ASSIGNMENTS AVAILABLE AS YET.

B) FELLOWS SELECTED (AVAILABILITY BEING DETERMINED)-(5)

UNIVERSIDAD EXPERIMENTAL DEL TACHIRA-PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, LINGUISTICS, MATEHMATICS.

INSTITUTO UNIVERSITARIO PEDAGOGICO EXPERIMENTAL DE BARQUISIMETO-MATHEMATICS.

UNIVERSIDAD DE CARABOBO AND UNIVERSIDAD DEL ZULIA HAD SELECTED PROFESSROS WHO LATER WITHDREW.(FEFER BELOW)

C) PROFESSORS UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION(2)

UNIVERSIDAD DE CARABOBO-MATHEMATICS AND ECONOMICS-(MATHEMATICS PROFESSOR SELECTED WITHDREW BEFORE CONTRACT SIGNED, TWO OTHER CANDIDATES ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR THIS POST);

INSTITUTO UNIVERSITARIO DE TECNOLOGIA DE LOS LLANOS-ENGLISH

D) REQUESTS/COMMITMENTS RECEIVED(7)

UNIVERSIDAD METROPOLITANA-ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING-MECHANICAL ENGINEERING;

UIVERSIDAD DEL ZULIA-MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, ECOLOGY, AND FOOD SCIENCE;

UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS ANDES-METALURGICAL ENGINEERING, FOOD SCIENCE;

INSTITUTO DE ESTUDIOS SUPERIORES DE ADMINISTRACION

(IESA) IS AWAITING CONFIRMATION OF PROFESSOR OF FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING.

3. THE REPUTATION AND SUPPORT GAINED DURIG THE SIX YEAR PERIOD OF LATF OPERATIONS IN VENEZUELA IS EVIDENCED BY THE REQUESTS AND FIRM SALARY COMMITMENTS AND THE FACT THAT SEVERAL FELLOWS HAVE RECEIVED OFFERS OF UNIVERSITY CONTRACTS TO REMAIN ON AFTER THEIR FELLOWSHIPS HAVE TERMINATED.

4. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, VENEZUELA IS ENTERING A PERIOD OF RAPID EXPANSION IN ECONOMIC, TECHNOLOGICAL, AGRICULTURAL AND OTHER AREAS, AND NEW INSTITUTIONS ARE EMERGING (COMMUNITY COLLEGES, TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, UNIVERSITY SATELLITE CAMPUSES, AND SEVERAL PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES). THE PRESENT LEVEL OF THE CU EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE ALLOCATION AND THE ABSENCE OF A BI-NATIONAL COMMISSION PROGRAM
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WOULD APPEAR TO INDICATE THAT THE RESOURCES REQUIRED TO SUPPORT LATF FELLOWSHIPS (OF SELECTED FELLOWS AND FIELDS) ARE WELL WORTHWHILE.

5. THE POST CONSIDERS THAT LATF HAS A DEFINITE ROLE IN VENEZUELA. IT HAS ALREADY INDICATED THAT LATF MIGHT WELL COVER YOUNGER PROFESSORS AND CIES HANDLE THE REQUESTS FOR PERSONS WHO HAVE ALREADY ACHIEVED RECOGNITIION. THE PROBLEM

ENDEMIC TO ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OF FIRING UP PLACEMENTS IS UNDERSTANDABLE ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF THE CURENT TIGHT JOB MARKET IN THE U.S. SINCE CANDIDATES TEND TO SEIZE UPGN THE JOB OFFER IN PREFERENCE TO THE OVERSEAS ASSIGNMENT.

6. ONE DEFINITE ADVANTAGE OF LATE PROGRAM IS THE FACT THAT ITS FELLOWS ARE SCREENED BY A PERSONAL INTERVIEW.

7. CONSULTATION BETWEEN LATF REPRESENTATIVE GOETZ AND THE CAO AND EXCHANGES OFFICER IS CONSTANT AND HAS DEVELOPED VALUABLE COORDINATION.
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